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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence  
FROM: Director of Central Intelligence  
SUBJECT: Soviet Analysis Program for 1983

1. The paper you sent me last week on the Soviet economy is impressive in its analysis and range of data on which the analysis is based. Please compliment the author for me.

2. I would suggest that the structure of the piece creates an impression of redundancy and diffusiveness. I think this springs from the way the same subjects are treated -- first, in key policies of the plan and then in the changes in the plan. Then again the same subjects are treated first in terms of Brezhnev and then a second time in terms of the new leadership. The subjects, i.e. investment, agriculture, manpower, etc. are well selected and I wonder whether you wouldn't get a crisper and more useful piece if it were organized around those subjects, in each case mentioning Brezhnev and the new leadership. That's a stylistic matter that may or may not be important.

3. I would like you and the author to take a look at this piece on, "Can the Soviets 'Stand Down' Militarily" -- first the pages 1 to 5 with the explanation of how planning, priorities and decisions are determined, and secondly, the remaining material on the potential for and the implications of a shift in resources. It seems that this is what we want for this week's papers which you and I have discussed, and it would considerably strengthen the research paper on the Soviet economy.

4. Can we reflect in that paper a little more fully the possibilities under consideration in liberalizing the economy as reflected in this Op-Ed piece by Professor Naylor of Duke University.

5. I noted on the table after page 11 that 100% of the economy was allocated to agriculture, machinery and other segments without any explicit allocation to military production.

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